

Sat 24th 6.00pm Ballon	Tommy Quirke, Ballymogue James & Rose Cummins, Ballintrane
Sun 25th 10.30am Rathoe	Donal English-Hayden, Rathrush Michael Redmond & the Redmond Family, Rathrush.
Sunday 25th.11.30am Ballon	Kathleen Percy, Ballykealy
Wed 28th 10.00am Rathoe	
Thurs 29th 10.00am Ballon	
Sat 31st 6.00pm Ballon	Michael & Attracta Kavanagh & deceased members of Kavanagh Family, Ballon
Sun 1st 10.30am Rathoe	Ned Byrne, Kilcoole Jack & Joe Connors & their parents, Rathoe.
Sunday 1st.11.30am Ballon	

Collections 15th & 18th August : Offertory €710.30. Weekly Envelopes €593.00 Thank you for your continued support.

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL RE-OPENING DATES

August 26th 1st Year Pupils only. 27th 1st Year Pupils only
August 28th 1st & 6th Year pupils. 29th Staff Day - (NO PUPILS)
August 30th All Students.

Blessing of school bags at all Masses next weekend.

Rathoe Coffee/Tea morning which is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 10.30am Mass will recommence on Sunday 1st September. The proceeds from donations will go to finance further development of the Car Park and also towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall and Sports Complex. A new Central Heating boiler has been installed which will ensure heating for the Hall and Sports Complex during the winter months.

Prayer at the Ploughing 2019: People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie between now and 10 Sept. Alternatively they are welcome to post them to me at Bishop's House. A shortlist of the favourite prayers will be displayed at the Kildare & Leighlin stand when the event gets underway on 17 September. The theme of the Kildare & Leighlin stand at the ploughing is **'Digging Deeper – Rooting for Christ'** a continuation of our diocesan campaign exploring new ways for people to understand their faith. + Denis

Love is temporary insanity, curable by marriage.....

Rathoe Song & Story; The August session of Song & Story will be held in Rathoe Hall on **Sun 25th August at 8pm. Admission is FREE.** Everyone welcome. Light Refreshments served.

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes commencing on Thursday 19th September 2019. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow. Phone 0872727315.

Congratulations to Ballon/Rathoe new sporting heroes following the performances of the U13 boys rounders team and sprinter Eimear Bolger at the national Aldi Community Games finals held at the University of Limerick on Saturday and Sunday 17/18 August.

Cuchulainn Rounders Club: Winner of this weeks Split The Pot: Winner of this weeks Split The Pot Veronica Jordan winning €85. Envelopes €2 available in McAssey Shop, Siopa Glas, Kavanagh's Bar & Joe Doyles Pub. Thank you for your continued support.

The patient was so rich, he wouldn't accept a local anaesthetic—he insisted on having a foreign one.

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Open Tues, Wed & Thurs 10am –1pm

Items for the newsletter must be in by 5 pm each Wed, they can be phoned in, emailed or put through the letter box.

Fr. Jim O'Connell 086 810 2675 / 059-9180641.

Fr. E. Whelan 059-9159329

Burrin Celtic Lotto: No's 05---13---14---16. no winner. Lucky Dip: €100:

Miriam Lloyd, c/o Café de Mode. €20 –Sarah Nolan, Connaberry

€20– Over 35's €20: Brigid Kinsella, Borris.

Next Wk's Jackpot: €7,800. Draw every Tues @ 8.30pm

Ballon Business & Training Service: Manual and Computerised

Payroll 05/09/19 3pm – 6pm - €300 **Manual and Computerised**

Bookkeeping 05/09/19 – 7pm – 10pm - €300. **Cookery Demonstrations**

Thurs 5th Sept x 6 weeks 10am – 12pm €12 per week **Machine Sewing**

classes 10th September x 4 weeks 9.30am – 12.30pm. €50 or €12 per

drop in class **Chair Yoga** starting Fri 6th Sept 10.30am –7 week course

€60. Drop in €12 per class. More info: 059-9159447.

Rathoe National School re-opens for **all** students on Thurs August

29th at 9.20 am. Junior Infants day will be 9.20am to 12.30pm until

Friday September 13th and 9.20am to 2.00pm daily thereafter.

SAVE THE DATE: It's that time of year again. Ballon Community & Sports Centre are holding their annual fundraiser. This year the fundraiser is a cookery demonstration hosted by well known and renowned chef Edward Hayden of TV3 and KCLR 96fm fame. This cookery demonstration will be on the 7th November in the Dolmen Hotel. More details to follow later.

Ballon GFC Lotto. No Winner. No's 04– 07 –22 – 23. Lucky Dip

Winners €25 each. Rose Byrne, Castlegrace, Michael O'Toole, Boggan,

Tara Murphy, Laragh, John & Marion Kelly, Ballon Hill. Next wk's Jackpot

€2,850. Draw Mon 26th August in Fr. Flood Hse at 9pm. Tks €2.

Living the Dream

Some of us may hear the Gospel and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that the considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective. "If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next." – **CS Lewis**



I love mankind—its people I cant stand

A bird in the hand is bad table manners